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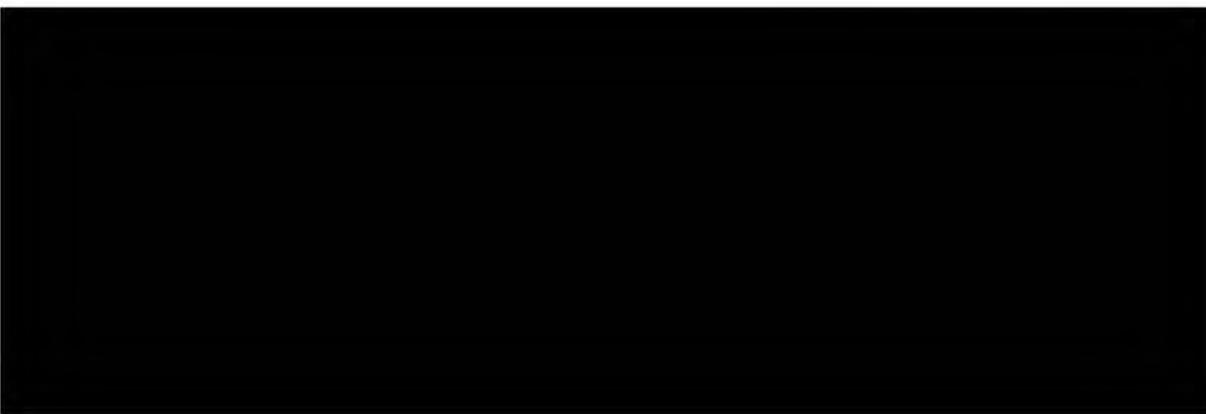
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1. When kerosene was again placed on sale following a prolonged shortage, the price was increased from 6.50 lei per kilogram to 10 lei.
2. Prior to this increase of the price of kerosene a conference was held at the Ministry of Fuel, attended by the Minister, various Romanian officials, and Colonel Sokovskii, a Soviet officer. When a representative of the Romanian Government had reported on the kerosene situation and demanded that a detailed memorandum on the requirements of the population relative to kerosene be prepared, Colonel Sokovskii at once ordered that the price be raised to 10 lei, in order that consumption might be reduced. Colonel Sokovskii then remarked, "Do not forget that you are a conquered country, that you have devastated our territory, and what you ask is indeed small compared to the rights we have over Rumania."
3. The Rumanian population is incensed at this increase in the price of kerosene.

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